

HA-331

John Dunnigan House
1229 Boyd Road
Scarboro vicinity
Private

c. 1870

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Dunnigan House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1229 Boyd Road

CITY, TOWN

Scarboro

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE

SITE

☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

xnot applicable

STATUS☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ann L. Boyd Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2620 Dublin Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 332

Folio #: 318

STREET & NUMBER

20 W. Courtland St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Dunnigan House is a 2-1/2 story frame house in a vernacular Queen Anne style built about 1870 on the southside of Boyd Road about 3/4 mile west of Scarboro Road near Scarboro, Harford County, Maryland. The site consists of the main house, a frame bank barn, a frame wagon shed, and an abandoned frame tenant house. The main elevation of the principal building faces north.

The house has three bays on the north elevation, the center bay projecting and containing the entrance with a transom and sidelights. A shed porch with chamfered posts and scroll-sawn brackets extends across the facade. The first floor windows are paired 1/1, while the second floor has 2/2 single windows, except in the projecting center bay, which repeats the paired window arrangement of the first floor. The top floor is demarcated by the gabled top of the center bay and two flanking dormers. The gable face has shingles, a round arched window, and perforated decorative molding trim. The dormers also have round-arched windows and scrolled and bracketed surrounds. The slate roof is broken by double central brick chimneys. On the east side of the main section is a projecting one-story bay with paired windows framed by recessed panels. The west elevation has a two-story polygonal bay.

The rear or south side of the house has a 2-1/2 story wing with a bracketed shed porch on the east and an enclosed shed addition on the west. An interior chimney rises from the south end. A dormer similar to those on the main elevation projects from the roof on the east side of the wing.

The foundation is stone and the original exterior covering, probably clapboard, is now covered with aluminum siding.

South of the house at a distance of about 50 yards is a frame wagon shed with a stone foundation, vertical siding and a slate roof. It appears to be contemporary with the house.

About 30 yards further south is a frame bank barn with hand-hewn structural beams and mortise and tenon joinery. The foundation is stone and the slate roof has two louvred cupolas. Several concrete block additions containing dairy equipment have been built on the west side of the barn. There are also two large dometop silos.

An abandoned frame tenant house apparently built in the late 19th century is located about 150-200 yards south west of the barn. The house is built on the slope of a hill and the south elevation exposes the stone foundation of the house. It has three bays on both the north or main elevation and the south elevation. A half story or loft area is apparently under the gable corrugated metal roof. An opening in the roof at the east end indicates the location of an interior chimney, which is no longer visible. The windows and doors are missing. The interior walls are plaster over lath.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	c.1870	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The farm was originally composed from four parcels acquired by John Dunnigan beginning in 1860 (see attached chain of title). The house may have been begun soon after the first purchase, but its finished appearance suggests the late 1860's or early 1870's. The house is shown on Martenet's 1878 map as "Jno. Donigan".

Note: Survey number HA-331 was originally assigned to Indian John's Shelter. This object no longer exists and was of marginal historical value. It has been deleted from the inventory. The original survey form is retained in the Historic Sites Survey files, Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

June 1983

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 ext 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

John Dunnigan House
HA-331
Chain of Title

332/318	12 July 1949	Grantor: George Melvin and Hazel H. Keen Grantee: Alvin J. and Ann Laura Boyd 153 Acres
255/419	20 May 1939	Grantor: James P. Dunnigan, widower Grantee: George M. and Hazel H. Keen 153 Acres
100/448	31 December 1900	Grantor: John Dunnigan Grantee: James P. Dunnigan \$2500 and "an agreement on the part of James P. Dunnigan...to furnish the said John for and during his natural life for his own use free of charge, a room to be selected by the said John in the dwelling house on the farm hereinafter described, also to furnish to the said John on said farm, free of charge, so long as he lives and whenever he demands it, board for himself and the care and maintenance of a horse, including stable room for the horse and shelter for a buggy..." 153 Acres from 4 acquisitions (see following)
49/180	11 September 1883	Grantor: James and Josephine Murphy Grantee: John Dunnigan \$1,100 for 53 Acres
40/378	17 March 1880	Grantor: Samuel and Mary Famous Grantee: John Dunnigan \$1,000 for 40 Acres
21/247	21 December 1868	Grantor: Henry W. Archer, trustee Grantee: John Dunnigan \$821.12 for 41 Acres
11/277	2 March 1860	Grantor: Sylvester Macatee, executor of Elizabeth Brown estate Grantee: John Dunnigan \$864.68 for 22.5 Acres

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: <i>Indian John's shelter</i>	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>In a steep valley south-southwest of the Hopkins house</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Darlington</i> <i>about 350 yards from the house</i>			
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE:	COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION		CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>		Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: <i>Isabelle Hopkins Brown and Grace Hopkins</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Trappe Church Road</i>	
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Darlington</i>	STATE: <i>MD.</i>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN</i>	
CITY OR TOWN: <i>BEL AIR</i>	STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i>
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Ruins</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Original Site</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One rock face of a stone used as
fire-place and support of a rough
shelter.

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☐

up to the
unknown

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Site of a shelter for an Indian
basketmaker named John who survived
all other Indians in this area, living
to about 1902.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview - Mrs. Helen Hopkins and Mrs.
Brown, May '70.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE:
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE	
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

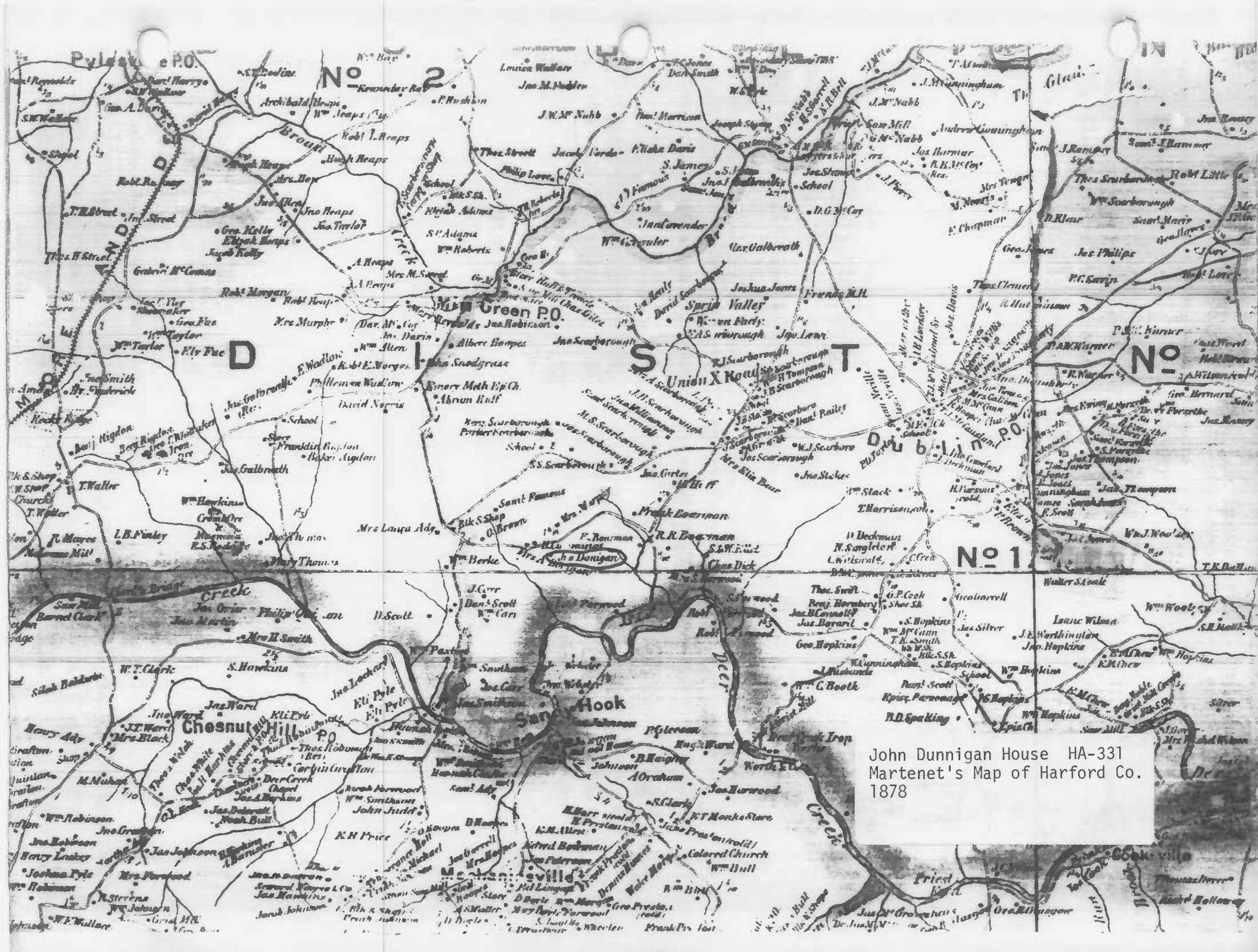
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ATTEST:

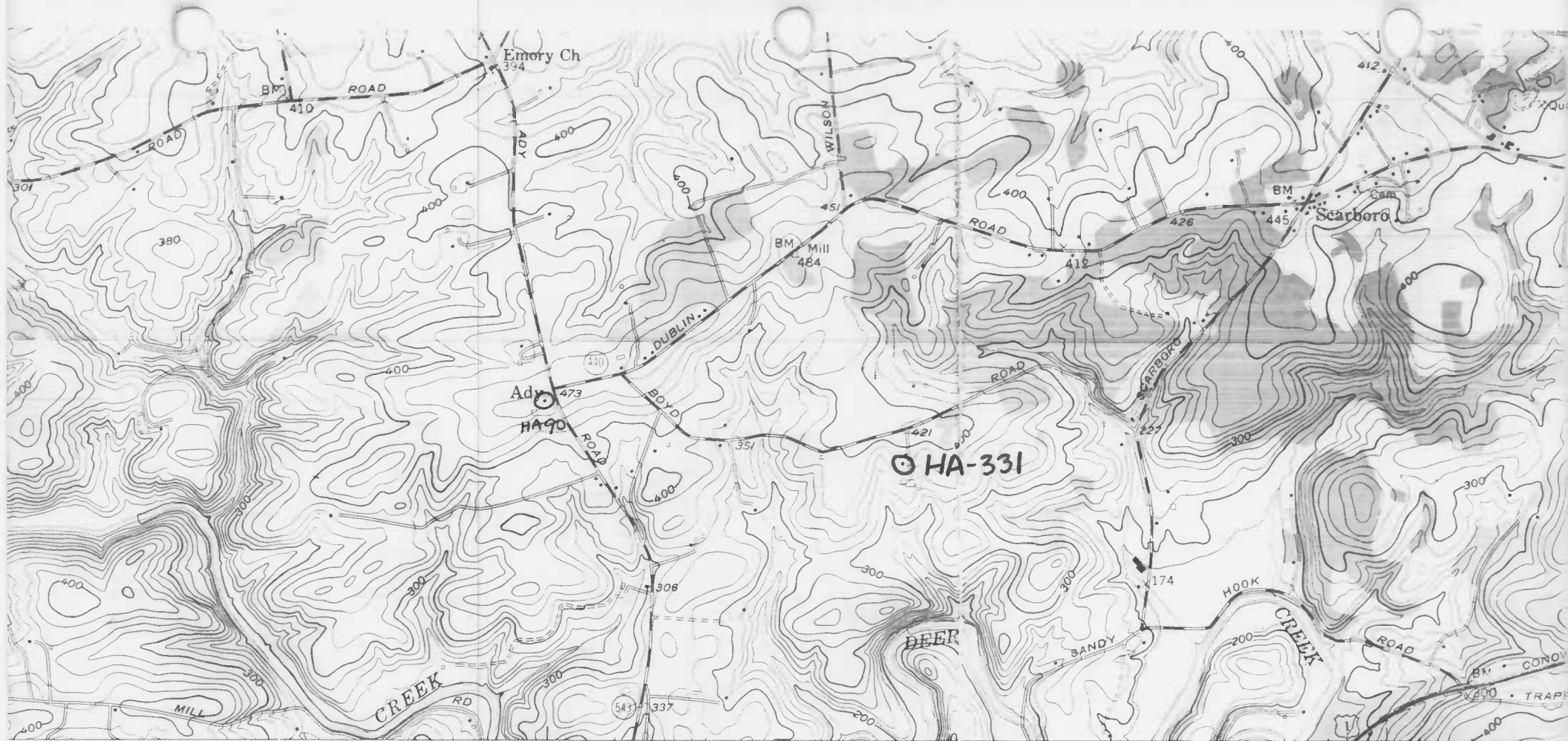
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

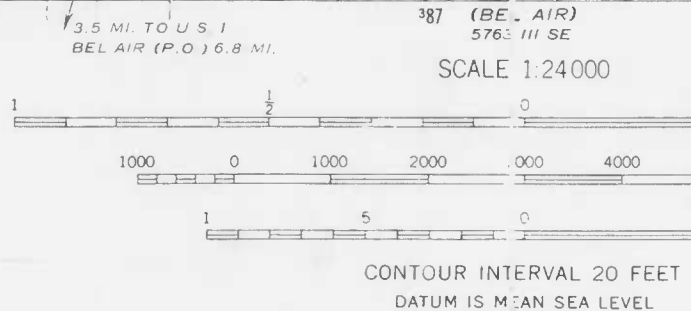
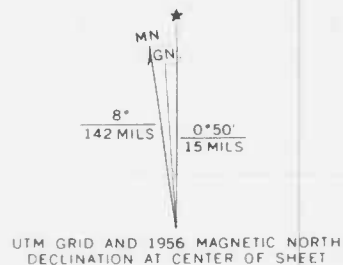


John Dunnigan House HA-331
Martenet's Map of Harford Co.
1878



the Geological Survey

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John Dunnigan House HA-331
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Delta, Md.-Pa. Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

MARYLAND
QUADRANGLE L

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



John Dunnigan House

Harford County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1983

North elevation

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John Dunnigan House
Harford County
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West elevation
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John Dunnigan House
Harford County
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Barn, north elevation
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John Dunnigan House

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Wagon shed, east elevation

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Tenant house, south elevation

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John Dunnigan House

Harford County

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View to north toward tenant house and
barn

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